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OFFICE OF
INSURANCE COMMISSIONER

In the Matter of

Country Mutual Insurance Company,

An Authorized Insurer.

No. D 2005 - 383

CONSENT ORDER

Comes now the Insurance Commissioner of the State of Washington, pursuant to the authority set forth in RCW 48.01.020 and RCW 48.05.130-185, and having reviewed the official records and files of the Office of the Insurance Commissioner, makes the following:

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Country Mutual Insurance Company is an insurer holding a certificate of authority to transact insurance in the State of Washington, and is therefore governed by Title 48 RCW.
2. RCW 48.05.130-185 provides a process for addressing insurer violations of Title 48 Revised Code of Washington and Title 284 Washington Administrative Code.
3. RCW 48.05.250 requires each insurer, before the first day of March, to file a true statement of its financial condition, transactions, and affairs as of the thirty-first day of December preceding.
4. Chapter 284-07 WAC sets forth the form and requirements for filing financial statements for the year ended the immediately preceding December thirty-first.
5. Country Mutual Insurance Company transmitted its annual financial statement for the year ended December 31, 2004 prior to before March 1, 2005, but due to technical difficulties acknowledged by both parties, the filing was not accepted for filing prior to March 1, 2005.
6. Attached Exhibit A is incorporated herein for the purpose of identifying the date of Country Mutual Insurance Company's transmission of, and the date of the acceptance of, the annual statement filing.
7. Country Mutual Insurance Company had not previously encountered this technical error in its electronic annual statement filings and subsequent filings have been timely.

Based upon the foregoing Findings of Fact, the Commissioner makes the following:

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. Failing to timely file in proper form an annual statement as of December 31, 2004 is a violation of RCW 48.05.250 and Chapter 284-07 WAC.
2. RCW 48.05.185 authorizes the Insurance Commissioner to impose a fine in lieu of the suspension or revocation of a certificate of authority.


CONSENT TO ORDER

Country Mutual Insurance Company neither admits nor denies any wrongdoing and hereby consents to entry of this Order, waives further administrative or judicial proceedings in this matter, and acknowledges its duty to comply fully with the applicable laws of the State of Washington. The Insurance Commissioner has offered a settlement in lieu of suspending or revoking the certificate of authority.

By agreement of the parties, the Insurance Commissioner will impose a fine of \$5,000.00 on condition that:

1. Within thirty days, Country Mutual Insurance Company pays to the Insurance Commissioner the full amount of the fine;
2. Country Mutual Insurance Company commits no violations of the statutes and regulations that are the subject of this Consent Order;
3. Country Mutual Insurance Company voluntarily consents to this order to resolve the issues and conduct described herein and with the understanding that the payment of the amount due is a condition to avoiding suspension or revocation of the Certificate of Authority.

EXECUTED this 20TH day of DECEMBER, 2005.


Signature
VP+ CORPORATE COUNSELLOR
Title

ORDER OF THE INSURANCE COMMISSIONER

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to the foregoing Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Consent to Order, the Insurance Commissioner hereby orders as follows:

1. Country Mutual Insurance Company is ordered to pay a fine in the amount of \$5,000.00 upon the condition that The Company fully complies with the laws and regulations of the State of Washington which are the subject of this Order; and
2. Upon failure to pay the fine within the time limit set forth above, the sum will be recoverable in a civil action brought on behalf of the Insurance Commissioner by the Attorney General of the State of Washington, pursuant to RCW 48.05.185.

ENTERED TUMWATER, WASHINGTON this 5th day of January, 2006

MIKE KREIDLER
Insurance Commissioner

By: 

JAMES T. ODIORNE, CPA, JD
Deputy Insurance Commissioner
Company Supervision Division